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2. ([REDACTED]) Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, called and asked for any documentation we might have on Senator Russell's position at the time the Agency was created to the effect that the Agency should be civilian rather than military and outside the control of the military establishment. After checking our files, I told Woodruff that we had no record of Senator Russell taking such a position at the time the Agency was created, but I indicated that the general consensus of the Congress in the creation of the Agency followed the position he had outlined. Woodruff is preparing a statement for Senator Stennis' use. He plans to say that Senator Russell, along with others, recognized the need to improve our intelligence procedures after World War II and in establishing the Agency wanted to assure that it would be outside the control of the military; reporting directly to the President. He asked if our records indicated anything to the contrary and I told him they did not.

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3. [REDACTED] In response to his call of Friday and after checking with [REDACTED] OS/SSC, I advised [REDACTED] of the Air Force, Security Special Projects office, that briefing of Mr. Hyman Fine, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, for codeword clearance (for a briefing to be conducted later this week at SAC Headquarters) is a matter of responsibility for the Air Force and should be conducted in accordance with Air Force procedure. [REDACTED] told me that the TWX, which he forwarded on Friday concerning codeword briefing for Mr. Fine, should be disregarded. His office will follow through on arrangements for briefing Mr. Fine.

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5. [redacted] In response to her call, I met with Miss Betty McDonough, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and picked up a letter addressed to the Director from Chairman J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.).

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6. [redacted] I met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that he and Mr. Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, have not worked out the details and scheduling of Agency briefings for the full Committee. Mr. Slatinshek's present thinking would be that the meetings would take place in the middle of the week possibly Wednesday morning, probably 8:30 a.m. and on a weekly basis. Nothing definitive, however, can be determined until the Committee is formerly organized sometime next week.

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I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on [redacted]

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